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1. REF A IS ACCEPTABLE WITH FOLLOWING CHANGES.

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2. PARA 13. SUBSTANCE OF FOOTNOTE TO PARA 12 SHOULD BE TAKEN NOTE OF BY ADDING, AFTER "THE DISTRIBUTION OF REDUCTIONS BETWEEN NATO NATIONS", THE PHRASE "AND THE ASSIMILATION AND DISPOSITION OF THOSE REDUCTIONS".

3. PARA 14: WE CAN ACCEPT TEXT; BUT YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR, AS APPROPRIATE, THAT THIS IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE POSSIBLE FUTURE ACCEPTABILITY OF A 700,000 MAN COMMON CEILING, EVEN IF IT INVOLVES REDUCTIONS SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN 10 PERCENT.

4. PARA 17. YOU SHOULD DROP ALL AFTER "APPRECIABLY SMALLER FIGURE" THROUGH "STRENGTHS OF THE TWO BLOCS" ON RATIONALE OF REF B. LAST SENTENCE CAN BE READ AS IMPLYING AUTOMATIC NATO ACCEPTANCE OF WP-SUPPLIED DATA. "THERE IS AN ACCEPTANCE OF ..." SHOULD THEREFORE BE CHANGED TO READ "THERE IS NATO AND WP AGREEMENT ON ...".

5. PARA 18. AS STATED IN REF B, WE WOULD PREFER DELETION

OF "FINDINGS" SECTION. HOWEVER, IF NECESSARY TO REACH AGREEMENT, YOU MAY ACCEPT PARAGRAPH, IF "WOULD" IS CHANGED TO "COULD" IN 18 D. YOU SHOULD IN THIS CASE

REPEAT PROVISO OF PARA 3 ABOVE.
6. FYI. WE WISH TO AVOID BEING LOCKED INTO RIGID FORMULATION LIMITING REDUCTIONS TO NO MORE THAN 10 PERCENT FOR FEAR THAT COMPETING DEMANDS FOR CUTS WILL ULTIMATELY REQUIRE SOMEWHAT LARGER REDUCTIONS. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT WISH TO PRECIPITATE A CONFRONTATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE ON THIS ISSUE NOW AS TO DO SO COULD HOLD UP ALLIANCE AGREEMENT ON SEVERAL ISSUES. MOREOVER THE SUPPORT FOR A RIGID 10 PERCENT RULE MAY ERODE AS MORE ALLIES ANALYZE THEIR OWN REDUCTION NEEDS. THEREFORE YOU SHOULD KEEP OPEN THE OPTION OF CUTS IN EXCESS OF 10 PERCENT, BUT KEEP POINT LOW-KEY SO AS TO AVOID MAJOR CONTROVERSY. END FYI. KISSINGER

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